



APPROVED MINUTES  
**Environmental Quality Advisory Board**  
**7441 E. Indian School Rd. Monsoon Room**  
**Scottsdale, AZ**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2005**  
**5:15 p.m.**

1) Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Basinger at 5:25 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum

2) Roll Call and Approval of 1/19/05 meeting minutes

Members Present: Dan Basinger, Chair  
Don Manthe, Vice Chair  
Michele Cohen  
Ron Hand  
Brian Munson  
Randy Nussbaum  
Jay Spector

City Staff Present: Larry Person

Other Attendees: Andrea Tintle-Sun Festival  
Zach Hand

Chair Basinger advised the Board Members that Board Member Cohen had spoken with Governor Napolitano on a radio program earlier in the day airing on KJZZ. Board Member Cohen provided the highlights of the conversation relating to the Governor's Executive Order implementing renewable energy in State buildings. Chair Basinger also noted an additional story on KJZZ about the use of green technology in Connecticut, and a "green" related article in the newspaper about reliance on oil products.

On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe and seconded by Board Member Spector, the minutes from the January 19, 2005 minutes were approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Old Business

Revision of EQAB By-Laws

Chair Basinger recalled that the Board Members had voted on By-Law changes at the January meeting, and must vote again at this meeting to accept those changes. Vice-Chair Manthe moved to approve the By-Law changes as presented at the January meeting. Board Member Munson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Parks Recycling Update

Board Member Spector advised the Board that March 1, 2005 would be the kickoff day for the City Parks Recycling Program. He noted that the logistics had been worked out with Solid Waste. He added that a press release and/or some other form of public outreach were being discussed. Board Member Nussbaum expressed concern as to a fully educated public relative to those citizens using the park, and timely implementation of the recycling as a permanent park's program. Board Member Spector acknowledged those concerns. There was additional discussion about logistics, stickers on the recycle cans, park access and a suitable park for the second event. Board Member Nussbaum suggested Cactus Park as a good choice. Board Member Spector noted that food contamination issues at those parks with picnic tables were of concern to city staff and that further planning was necessary to ensure success of the second event.

LEED Policy Update

Mr. Person referred to the latest iteration of the draft resolution in the Board Member packets. He noted that there would be one more meeting with staff to discuss some minor changes. Mr. Person stated that the policy is effective immediately for all new city building construction, and future renovation projects of those buildings over 5,000 square feet that are enclosed and occupied, and that those facilities will be designed, contracted, and built to achieve certification at the LEED gold level.

Chair Basinger inquired as to the definition of "occupied", and a discussion ensued as to the "enclosed and occupied" verbiage. The Board discussed what it felt would be appropriate exclusions from the policy. Discussion

followed as to the status of the twenty-four projects already in the pipeline for construction and/or renovation. Chair Basinger spoke in opposition to any exclusion. However, it was the consensus of the Board that any further modifications to the language of the policy could jeopardize the progress made to date.

#### Noise Issue Updates

Chair Basinger advised the Board that City Council seemed to be of the opinion that the status quo regarding noise issues (i.e. to Go-Peds) was acceptable. He explained that there was discussion relative to safety issues surrounding motorized scooters. Board Member Nussbaum referred to the Board's prior discussion regarding noisy motor scooters, and proposed that the Board state a position supporting a ban on any motor scooter creating an unacceptable level of noise or pollution. No action was taken at this time.

#### 4. New Business

Conceptual Discussion: "Should all new construction in Scottsdale be 'Green'?"

Chair Basinger noted the consensus of the Board Members supporting the statement.

#### 5. Standing Committee Reports

##### Green Building

Green Building Chair Cohen reported on the February Green Building meeting. She noted that Mr. Floyd provided a video for the meeting from the USGBC conference entitled "Building Green in Pennsylvania". She commented on the quality of the content of the video and added that the Committee hoped to send a portion of the video to City Council Members. GB Chair Cohen stated that the Committee did a summary of Scottsdale Design Day, which was very well received. She noted that discussions are ongoing as to a repeat Design Day in the near future. She went on to state that the Green Building Expo plans were going well, and that the event would be held on September 23 and 24 at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts and Mall. GB Chair Cohen announced that the Green Building Commercial Check List had been completed and that the Optima Project would be using it as a basis for green building for the project.

Mr. Hand reported that the National Association of Remodeling Industry

had provided a written endorsement of the Remodeling Guidelines. He stated that he was waiting for the final draft from the City graphics Department, with publication anticipated in the near future.

Board Member Cohen noted that the number of green residential building and production permits had increased dramatically in 2004, accounting for 21 percent of all residential permits.

#### Water Committee

Vice-Chair Manthe stated that he had spoken with Ms. Miller and that the Water Committee would like to work with the city on gray water issues. He also noted that there would be a presentation of recommendations from the Arizona Town Hall "Water for Arizona" conference. He noted that the presentation would be at SCC on February 17 at 7:30pm. Board Member Munson added that Scottsdale Leadership would be hosting a breakfast and panel discussion on February 24 on water issues.

Chair Basinger noted that the Mayor's State of the City address would be given on Thursday February 17 as well, and requested support and attendance by the Board Members.

#### Energy Committee

Mr. Spector reported that attendance at the first meeting was light, but that good discussion points were raised for subsequent meetings. He noted that there had been a conflict with another meeting, but stated that the meeting dates had been changed so as to avoid future conflicts.

#### EnviroKidsFest '05/Sun Festival

Ms. Tintle advised the Board that national ads for Sun Festival had been placed in a variety of magazines and that the advertising process was going well. She noted that the USGBC was scheduled to sponsor a green building seminar with a focus on the contractor and builder level. Ms. Tintle pointed out the Solar Home Bike Tour on Sunday, and that over one hundred exhibitors had signed up for Sun Festival. She added that the event would be completely different from the 2004 version and that the City of Scottsdale was fully supportive of Sun Festival.

#### EnviroKidsFest '05

Board Member Nussbaum announced that the event has been sold out from the beginning. He added that there was a waiting list, and that

planning was going very well. He stated that approximately 1,000 fourth grade students would be in attendance. Board Member Nussbaum thanked Mr. Person and Ms. Basinger for their efforts, and stated that anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Ms. Basinger. Mr. Person outlined the format for the mural contest and explained that the contest would be a team building exercise. He commented that the teachers were very supportive of this new format.

Ms. Tintle raised the question of a composting component at both EnviroKidsFest'05 and Sun Festival. Discussion ensued as to the pros and cons of implementing composting. No decision was reached. Ms. Tintle announced that the next KidsFest meeting would be held on March 7, at 3:30 pm in the Kiva conference room.

6. Updates and Reminders

Board Member discussion of environmental topics

- a) LEED Policy on City Council Agenda March 8, 2005.
- b) Mayor's State of the City Address, February 17, 2005.
- c) Next Green Building Lecture Series:

March 3, 2005 "Interiors and Indoor Environment"

- d) Next Solar Lecture Series:

February 17, 2005 "Renewable Futures: Visions of Appropriateness"  
March 17, 2005 "Resources: Toward Security, Stability and Sustainability"

- e) The next Meeting is scheduled for 3/16/05.

7. Public Comment

No members of the public responded.

8. Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Swanberg